



DEFENSE PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING PERSONNEL OFFICE
2400 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-2400

April 25, 2005

Dear Family Member:

It pleases me to announce that the Department of Defense will again host the annual government briefings for Korea/Cold War families in Arlington, Virginia, October 26 – 28, 2005.

We postponed the briefings, initially scheduled for May 2005, because our hotel reneged on its contract with us. We subsequently concluded a contract to hold the annual government briefings at the DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Last year, several of you suggested that we move our venue "closer in," so we hope this helps.

At the briefings we will tell you what the U.S. Government has done during the past year to achieve the fullest possible accounting of our missing service-members. This year we have expanded our agenda by one day to afford you additional opportunities to review your case files and ask questions without missing any of the briefings.

As in past years, you will have the opportunity to meet with government officials whose expertise includes: foreign government negotiations; policy; remains recovery operations and identification; DNA science; research methodologies; and intelligence analysis. The annual government briefings also will give you the opportunity to meet with other families who share your unique sacrifices and hardships.

You do not need to stay at the DoubleTree to attend the government briefings. We have attached a list of other hotels in the local area for your consideration. A map of Crystal City is also included for your reference. We will provide handicapped-accessible shuttle bus transportation between the DoubleTree, the Crystal City Metro stop, and several of the hotels within the local area to facilitate your attendance.

As the date for the event approaches, your casualty office will contact you with additional details on how to register. I look forward to seeing you at what I assure you will be an informative and worthwhile event.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Jennings

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
POW/Missing Personnel Affairs

2 Enclosures



Crystal City Hotels
(Located in Crystal City or vicinity, Arlington County)

Best Western* (next to Comfort Inn) 2480 S. Glebe Rd. Arlington	703-979-4400
Comfort Inn Pentagon* (next to Best Western) 2480 S. Glebe Rd Arlington	703-682-5500
Courtyard by Marriott 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	1-800-350-5708
Crowne Plaza* 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	703-416-1600
Doubletree (Government Briefings in this hotel: Rate:\$189) 300 Army Navy Drive Crystal City	703-416-4100
Embassy Suites 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	703-979-9799
Hilton at National Airport 2650 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	703-418-6800
Marriott Crystal City 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	1-800-350-5708
Marriott Crystal Gateway 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	1-800-350-5708
Sheraton 900 South Ormes St. Crystal City	703-521-1900
Radisson Hotel Reagan National Airport 2020 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City	800-333-3333

Note: Starred * hotels above may have the lowest sleeping room rates in the Crystal City area. Discounted rates are often found on various internet web sites. Reminder: not all hotels use the same internet site. Example web sites to explore, but not limited to: Expedia.com, Hotels.com, Travelocity.com, Orbitz.com. Please note, due to the traditionally large number of visitors to this area during October, recommend you make reservations as soon as possible. If need be, you can cancel them (for most hotels the period is 48 hours in advance) and you won't be charged.

CRYSTAL CITY

Arlington, Virginia

For Information Call 703-922-INFO

